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Purdue Northwest Honors College joins community efforts to fight breast cancer

Purdue University Northwest Honors College students joined the Laini Fluellen Charities' 8th Annual "Pink Tie Affair" event at the Ameristar Casino in East Chicago recently to raise awareness and funds combating triple negative breast cancer.

The "triple negative" form of breast cancer is diagnosed in about 10 to 20% of breast cancer cases and is more likely to affect younger people, in particular African-Americans and Hispanics. Because TNBC typically develops in younger women before mammograms are indicated, there are fewer treatment options than other forms of breast cancer and lower survival rates.

PNW's Invisible Strings Orchestra, led by Honors College student Yamani Woody, performed during the



Purdue Northwest Honors College students, who are part of the musical group Invisible Strings, performed at the Laini Fluellen Charities' 8th Annual "Pink Tie Affair" event. Front row left to right are Andrew Masters, Camden Thurman and Kyle Cole; and back row Annabelle Makowski, Cristina Lopez, Interim Dean of the Honors College Karen Bishop Morris, Kathleen Aton, and Yamani Woody.

event's social hour, setting an uplifting tone for the evening. "Community engagement is a requirement for Honors

College students and we make every effort to connect students' involvement to their (See *Purdue* Pg. 2)

Crown Point, Valparaiso high school students attend Latin Day events in Indianapolis

Nineteen students from Crown Point High School were among more than 150 high school Latin students, sponsors, and chaperones from across Indiana attending the 41st annual Indiana Junior Classical League Fall Latin Day at Bishop Chatard High School in Indianapolis.

In attendance were schools from across the state, including Bedford North Lawrence HS, Bishop Chatard HS (Indianapolis), Cardinal Ritter HS (Indianapolis), Carmel HS, Cathedral HS (Indianapolis), Crown Point HS, Homestead HS (Fort Wayne), The Master's Study (Indianapolis), North Central HS (Indianapolis), Park Tudor School (Indianapolis), Seven Oaks Classical School (Ellettsville), Terre Haute South Vigo HS, and Valparaiso HS.

The main event was



a Classics Career Panel, where students learned about the different careers they can pursue with a degree in Classical Studies. The panel was led by Stephanie Krause and Wesley Wood of Rockville, MD, both graduates of Crown Point HS.

Dr. Rebecca Schindler, Professor of Classical Studies at DePauw University, and

Dr. Christopher Bungard, Associate Professor of Classical Studies at Butler University, led workshops on recent excavations in the region of Umbria and the characterization of Medea in Euripides' play of the same name, respectively. Kelly Williams-Ihlendorf, a Latin teacher at Bishop (See *Latin* Pg. 2)

Study finds Hoosier firefighters face higher risk of dying from cancer than non-firefighters

Hoosier firefighters face a significantly higher risk of dying from cancer than non-firefighters in Indiana, according to a study that shows death from malignant cancers was the leading cause of death for Indiana firefighters between 1985 and 2013.

Of 2,818 Indiana firefighters who died between 1985 and 2013, 30.4% died from malignant cancers. The study found the firefighters experienced an estimated 20% increase in the odds of dy-

ing due to malignant cancers compared to non-firefighters.

This study is unique in that it is one of the first to match an exposed firefighter population to an independent comparison group of non firefighters from a general population.

The research findings are in the paper "Excess mortality among Indiana firefighters, 1985-2013," which was published in the American Journal of Industrial Medicine.

"The purpose of this study was to examine patterns of chronic disease deaths among Indiana firefighters from 1985 to 2013 compared to non firefighters," said Carolyn Muegge, a doctoral candidate in the Richard M. Fairbanks School of Public Health at IUPUI, who is also a research scientist at the National Institute for Public Safety Health in Indianapolis and first author on the paper.

"Firefighters are exposed to toxic agents, increas-

ing their risk for cancer and cardiovascular disease," Muegge said. "We examined the odds of cancer and cardiovascular mortality of firefighters relative to a matched group of non firefighters from the general population."

To compare firefighters and non-firefighters, each firefighter death record was matched to four non firefighter death records by age at time of death, sex, race, ethnicity and year of death.

Heart disease was the sec-

ond leading cause of firefighters' deaths, accounting for 824, or 29.2%, of the deaths. There was no difference in the odds of death due to cardiovascular diseases between firefighters and non-firefighters.

When the causes of deaths of firefighters between 1983 and 2013 are looked at in five-year increments, research shows heart disease had been the leading cause of Indiana firefighters' deaths until 1995, when "the burden of cancer

significantly surpassed heart disease," the paper stated.

Heart disease was the leading cause of death in the non firefighter comparison group, at 29.6%, followed by malignant cancers at 27.1%.

According to the researchers, the leading cause of firefighter deaths -- cancer and heart disease -- underscore the need for implementing and expanding cancer and heart disease risk factor reduction programs and policies for firefighters.

Sixth-graders create 'Living Biography Museum' as part of their studies

Sixth graders at St. Mary Catholic School study different forms of literature genre. Over the course of several weeks, students have been reading biographies and autobiographies with their teacher, Michelle Sarabia.

After all of their work writing an expository paper, creating a timeline, and writing a bibliography, the middle schoolers ended the project with a celebration of a 'Living Biography Museum'.

"The children did an exceptional job presenting

their speeches to the younger students who came to the 'museum', teachers, and parents," said Sarabia.

To learn more about St. Mary School's upcoming Open House events on January 23 and January 27, visit www.stmarycp.org/school.

Pictured are 'Ruth Bader Ginsburg' (Sami Noren) explaining her role on the United States Supreme Court, and 'Albert Einstein' (Summer Weaver) explaining the Theory of Relativity.



Crown Point Community Foundation now accepting grant applications; submission deadline February 1

The Crown Point Community Foundation is accepting grant applications. Grants from the CPCF's community grantmaking funds will be made to non-profit organizations and community projects which serve South Lake County (Crown Point, Cedar Lake, Lowell, and Winfield) communities.

Areas of interest which will be considered for funding include education, health and human services, civic affairs, preservation, conservation, arts and culture.

"The Crown Point Community Foundation is interested in funding projects that will improve the quality of life for citizens through-

out South Lake County," said Mary Nielsen, president of the CPCF.

Eligible organizations may download an application on the CPCF website at www.thecpcf.org. Those without access to a computer can obtain an application by calling 219-662-7252 or visiting the CPCF office at 115 South

Court Street in Crown Point.

Written requests for information should be sent to Crown Point Community Foundation, Inc., Post Office Box 522, Crown Point, IN 46308-0522.

The deadline for submitting a grant application is February 1, 2019.

Registration open for Seasons Spring soccer

Registration for Seasons Spring soccer is now open. In person for in-house only is on January 24 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the 19th Hole. Travel league registration closes February 3 and in-house league closes February 17. All travel registration must be done online only. A birth

certificate and picture are required for travel registration. This will be the last season for the current travel uniforms.

Register at www.seasons-soccer.org or contact Frank at 219-614-5100 with questions.

'View the Eclipse' presented by Calumet Astronomical Society this Sunday, January 20

On Sunday, January 20, from 9:30 p.m. until midnight, the Calumet Astronomical Society will be hosting an eclipse viewing event Lemon Lake County Park in Cedar Lake.

A total lunar eclipse will take place; this event is open to the public and family-friendly. In addition to observing the lunar eclipse, telescopes will be set up to provide visitors with a view of other celestial objects in our night sky.

Members of the Society will be on hand to provide

information about eclipses and answer other astronomy related questions. The warming house and concession stand will be open to give visitors a place to recover from the cold evening temperatures.

Cloudy or inclement weather conditions could cause this event to be cancelled with little advance notification. It is suggested that you visit the CAS website at www.casonline.org, for a status update before heading to Lemon Lake.

Town of Winfield BZA member wanted

The Town of Winfield is now accepting applications for the Board of Zoning Appeals. Qualified applicants must live within the Town of Winfield limits. Members need to attend BZA meetings once a month, assist in following up on BZA issues, and be willing to serve a four-year term. The BZA meets on the second Thursday of the month at 5:30 p.m.

Compensation is \$50 per meeting attended.

Applications to the BZA can be found at www.winfield.in.gov/employment-info under the Board Appointment Applications section. Applications can be dropped off at the Town Hall, 10645 Randolph Street Suite A, or e-mailed to the address on the webpage.

Home food preservation classes offered on Thursdays in February

Home Food Preservation Classes are being offered by Purdue University Extension Lake County on Thursdays, February 7, 14, and 21, from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Individuals will get the latest information and learn the basics of safe home food preservation.

This course will cover food safety basics, water bath canning, pressure canning, and other preserving

methods. Each class will consist of instruction, including lecture and hands-on food preservation techniques. The classes will be presented by Linda Curley, Health and Human Sciences Extension Educator.

The fee is \$75 for three classes. Deadline to register is January 29. Class size is limited, no refunds. To register, please contact Linda Curley, lcurely@purdue.edu, Diana Cook at dmcook@purdue.edu or call 219-755-3240.

(Latin from Pg. 1)

Chatard High School, presented a workshop based on her summers spent working as a field archaeologist. Other workshops featured information about IJCL's annual State Convention, including the creative arts competitions, graphic arts competitions, publicity contests, and Certamen, a game of fast recall of facts about the Classical world.

IJCL student officers in charge of the day were Sarah Blade of Homestead, presi-

dent; Caden Leary of The Master's Study, first vice president; Kayla Apking of Crown Point, second vice president; Nermeen Rahman of Park Tudor School, secretary; Zach Hsu of North Central, parliamentarian; Carolyn Nevins of North Central, historian; Larissa Chavarria of Valparaiso, editor; and Emily Padgett of North Central, webmaster.

Attending from Crown Point High School were students Kayla Apking,

Jessica Bao, Olivia Bianco, Katelyn Bottando, Olivia Budzevski, Toni Bunch, Joe Burke, Ava Dailey, Isabella DiFabio, Aidan Gregg, Anne Gregg, Isabelle Kalil, Joey Lucas, Jasmin Romero, Gigi Sapienza, Julie Tran, Ryan Tran, Ella Walley, and Ella Wrigley; sponsors Jeremy Walker and Sara Wietbrock; and chaperones: Laura, Bottando, Jeff Lucas, Patricia, Lucas, and Paula Rachford.

(Study from Pg. 1)

academic and cultural interests," said Karen Bishop Morris, interim dean of the Honors College. "To have

PNW Honors College students volunteer on behalf of the battle against triple negative breast cancer raises their

awareness and cultivates their ability to advocate for issues that are important in their lives and the communities they represent."

According to Tranece Artis, Laini Fluellen Charities executive director, proceeds for this year's fundraiser will benefit a mammogram subsidy program for indigent patients at St. Catherine Hospital in East Chicago, TNBC research through the Community Cancer Research Foundation, and care packages for newly diagnosed breast cancer patients at three local hospitals.

For more information about PNW, visit www.pnw.edu.

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Indiana University study finds that stringent password policies help prevent fraud

The all-too-common practice of using the same e-mail address-password combination to log into multiple websites can be damaging, especially for employers with many users and valuable assets protected by passwords, like universities.

“If someone uses their university email address and passphrase to sign up for, say, LinkedIn, and LinkedIn is breached by cybercriminals, that would mean their university password is sitting on the web for everyone to see,” said Indiana University’s Dan Calarco, co-author on a new paper that examines the practice of password reuse.

But researchers at IU have discovered a simple way to foil criminals intent on breaking into university data.

“We found that requiring longer and more complicated passwords resulted in a lower likelihood of password reuse,” the authors write in the paper, ‘Factors Influencing Password Reuse: A Case Study’.

To investigate the impact of policy on password reuse, the study analyzed password policies from 22 different U.S. universities, including their home institution, IU. Next, they extracted sets of emails and passwords from two large data sets that were published online and contained over 1.3 billion email addresses and password combinations.

Based on email addresses belonging to a university’s domain, passwords were compiled and compared against a university’s official password policy.

The findings were clear: Stringent password rules significantly lower a university’s risk of personal data breaches.

“Our paper shows that passphrase requirements such as a 15-character minimum length deter the vast majority of IU users (99.98%) from reusing passwords or passphrases on other sites,” the authors wrote.

Multi-factor authentication is becoming more common and usable. IU, for example, employs Two-Step Login. With the potential benefits of reducing the risk of password reuse, multi-factor authentication may be a viable alternative to changing the length and/or complexity of password policies.

“Our recommendations are not only applicable for universities, but also can be used by other organizations, services or applications,” they write.

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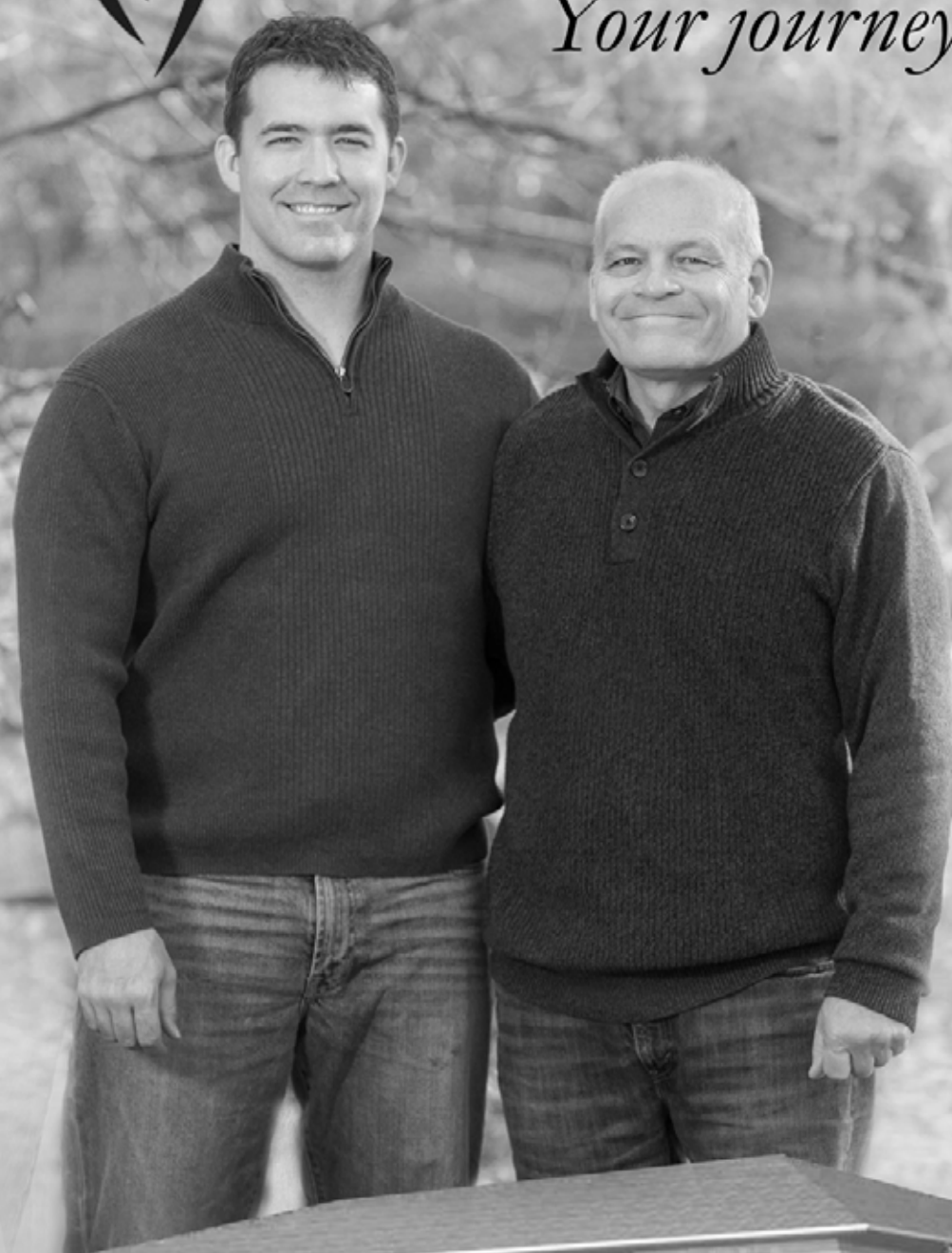
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Obituary ~ Dorothy V. Roe

Dorothy V. Roe, age 85, of Valparaiso, formerly of Crown Point IN, passed away on January 4, 2019. She was a graduate of Emerson High School. She was preceded in death by her husband of 66 years- Norman. Dorothy was a founding member of the church of the Four

Seasons. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She is survived by her children- Deborah Roe, David (Ruth) Roe, Denise Roe, Diana Gross, Daniel (Lynn) Roe; grandchildren - Jennifer (George) Peters, Stephanie Gross, Austin Roe, Jeff

Imel, Heather Roe; great grandchildren- George, Charlie and Dorothy Peters. Visitation for Dorothy was held on Wednesday, January 9, 2019 from 4 p.m. until the time of service at 7 p.m. at Burns Funeral Home, 701 East 7th Street, Hobart, IN. www.burnsfuneral.com

Obituary ~ Diane M. Sims (nee Santini)

Diane M. Sims (nee Santini), age 76 of Crown Point, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family, December 30, 2018. She was preceded in death by her parents- Nando and Mary Santini; daughter-Laurie L. Valfre (nee Sims). She is survived by her loving husband of 56 years- Wendell W. Sims; daughters-Christina (Jeffery) Benedict, Michelle (Mark) Borders, Wendy (Steve) Binner; 13 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren. Diane's life was celebrated with a

Beta Rho offers college scholarship opportunities to qualified local candidates

The Beta Rho chapter of Tri Kappa is seeking candidates for local scholarship awards. To be eligible, an applicant must have graduated from Andrean, Boone Grove, Crown Point, Merrillville, or one of the Gary High Schools and be a sophomore or higher level student enrolled full-time in an accredited college pursuing a bachelor or higher degree.

Interested candidates must have a 3.6 minimum GPA and demonstrate potential within their chosen career fields. Additional state scholarships are available in the areas of academics, fine arts and music.

A Key scholarship is available to individuals with at least a five-year gap in their education and no other undergraduate degree.

The deadline for submitting completed application packets is February 16, 2019. Contact Peggy Waluk at waluk@netnitco.net or 219-988-3639 for further information.

Mass of Christian Burial at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 7667 E. 109th Ave., Crown Point, IN at 10 a.m. on Friday, January 4, 2018. Entombment Chapel

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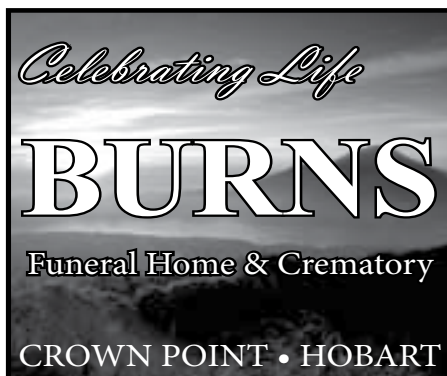
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Former Indiana state representative files for Crown Point clerk-treasurer

On the first day of filing, former State Rep. Shelli VanDenburgh, filed her candidacy to be the next City Clerk-Treasurer in Crown Point. VanDenburgh, a 1988 Crown Point High School graduate and CPHS Alumni Hall of Fame inductee, served the 19th Legislative District for 7-1/2 years. The former Democratic lawmaker is best known for her efforts benefiting education, teachers, children and union labor.

VanDenburgh served as the Director for the Lake County Clerk's Office Child Support Division for nearly 20 years. During her tenure, she served as the department bookkeeper balancing multi-million-dollar accounts. Her administrative duties included supervising office staff,

maintaining a high level of customer service, and assuring the office was in compliance with the State Board of Accounts.

"My first interactions with the Clerk-Treasurer's office were in grade school," said VanDenburgh. "My grandparents sent me to the window to pay their water bill. While the office does much more than process utility bills, my experience running a large county department and serving the citizens of Crown Point in my legislative capacity have well prepared me for the responsibilities of City Clerk-Treasurer. I look forward to being a steward of our taxpayer dollars, improving customer service to our residents, and working closely with our mayor and council members."

Indiana awarded nearly \$7 million to support early childhood education

The Indiana Family and Social Services Administration today announced its Office of Early Childhood and Out-of-School Learning received nearly \$7 million in federal grant funding to strengthen the state's early childhood education system. The grant supports strategic planning and a formal evaluation of Indiana's birth-through-age-5 early childhood education programs.

The preschool development grant awarded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services will help ensure early education is streamlined to best serve Hoosier families and meet Indiana's workforce needs.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for Indiana to focus holistically on how to best develop our youngest Hoosiers in a way that propels them toward a successful future," said Jennifer Walthall, M.D., M.P.H., secretary of the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration. "We don't often get the chance to unify our planning, and this funding allows us to do that."

When funding is received, FSSA will lead a collaborative needs assessment, strategic planning process and evaluation of existing programs. The award is a one-year grant with opportunities to apply for additional funding in subsequent years.

Upgrades coming to Indiana's Redbird State Recreation Area for off-road vehicles

Major upgrades and overhauls are coming to Redbird State Recreation Area, which became the DNR's first property for off-road vehicle nearly 15 years ago. Improvements include new trails, major trail repair and reroutes, and paved access from County Road 350 N to Whitetail Shelter.

Because of the paving project, Redbird will be closed to the public from spring to early fall of 2019. Actual dates will be announced closer to construction time. The goal is to complete the project in one phase, which helps reduce total cost and keeps trail

closures to a minimum.

"We are responding to concerns expressed by members of the off-roading community about access to the most commonly used trails and event sites," property manager Carman Jackson said. "The interior paving project will set the stage for future development and enhancements."

While Redbird is closed, property staff will add approximately 5 miles of new dirt bike trail, reroute trails 0 and 3 to avoid conflict with traffic on the new pavement, and rebuild multiple trails that sustained damage dur-

ing the wet 2018 season. Staff will also add amenities such as trail-side rest areas at scenic vistas. Other plans include increasing signage and adding new trail designations to help visitors better navigate the property and avoid areas beyond their skill level.

Jackson says the projects will not adversely affect features that are visitor favorites, but will improve parking and dust control at Power Line Hill and Whitetail Shelter.

While Redbird is being worked on, ORV enthusiasts may want to explore the DNR's other ORV riding property, Interlake SRA, just over an hour south, near Lynnville. Interlake offers 3,500 acres and more than 100 miles of ORV trails.

For more information on Redbird, see www.dnr.IN.gov/outdoor/4225.htm. More information on Interlake is at www.dnr.IN.gov/outdoor/4226.htm.

This day in history

JANUARY 18, 1803

Determined to begin the American exploration of the far west, President Thomas Jefferson sent a special confidential message to Congress on this day in 1803, asking for money to fund the journey of Lewis and Clark.

Jefferson directed his aide, Meriwether Lewis, to draw up an estimate of expenses. Lewis added up the costs for provisions, weapons, gunpowder, scientific instruments, and a large boat, with a total budget of \$2,500. The largest item was \$696, earmarked for gifts to Native Americans.

Jefferson's secret message to Congress stressed that the proposed exploration would be an aid to American commerce. Congress approved the request by a sizeable margin. It no doubt seemed trivial in comparison to the more than \$9 million they approved a week earlier for the Louisiana Purchase.

With financing assured, Lewis began preparing for the expedition by recruiting his military friend, William Clark. The Corps of Discovery departed on their epic exploration in the spring of 1804 from St. Louis and were gone approximately two years and four months. They eventually sighted the Pacific Ocean on November 7, 1805 and reached it via the Columbia River two weeks later.

The expedition originally departed with 31 members. Miraculously, considering the time they were gone and the harsh conditions they braved, only one died during the journey.

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Bio-waste found in drop-off recycling container; contamination places program in jeopardy

In the midst of announcing changes to its drop-off recycling program, Porter County Recycling & Waste Reduction was alerted recently to a problem with the contents of one of its containers. Three bags labeled bio-waste were identified by waste hauler Republic while attempting to empty one of the roll-off containers located on the property of Strack & VanTil in Valparaiso on U.S. 30.

"This is an example of contamination that is placing this program in jeopardy," said Therese Haller, district executive director.

Republic returned the full container to the site. Tradebe Environmental Services, a company with which the district contracts for household hazardous waste collection events, was called upon to remove and secure the bags. Stericycle will analyze and properly dispose of the contents.

In the meantime, the drop-off containers will remain locked and unusable by the public.

"Not only does contamination cost money, as two companies are now involved for proper disposal, but it can place people's lives at risk, workers' and users' of the service," Haller said. "In addition, residents may be inconvenienced because a container remains full and locked.

"If the bags leaked or broke open, the entire contents may be considered contaminated and would need special disposal at a cost to match," she continued. "If user behavior does not change, it is possible that this drop-off service will eventually end."

For information on the district's drop-off recycling program, visit www.PorterCountyRecycling.org.

Free recycling program helps event planners reduce waste in Porter County

Special event coordinators in Porter County have a free service available to help manage the large amounts of waste their events can create. Porter County Recycling & Waste Reduction offers a recycling container loan program for churches, schools, towns and anyone planning special events in Porter County to encourage their guests to recycle aluminum cans and plastic and glass bottles. Last year, event coordinators using the program collected and recycled a total of 8,260 gallons of beverage containers.

The recycling collection containers can be placed next to garbage cans in high traffic areas at events. The district even supplies the clear plastic bags that fit into the collection containers.

"When presented with the option to recycle their waste, most guests choose to do the

right thing," said Therese Haller, district executive director. "Organizations and individuals without a supply of recycling containers or the money to purchase them need only borrow ours."

The containers are perfect to use at fundraisers, church functions, softball tournaments, block parties, family reunions, 5K races, and any gatherings that could potentially generate large amounts of waste from beverage containers. Public events using the containers will also get a publicity boost with an announcement on the district's Facebook Page.

To borrow the containers, call the district at 219-465-3695 at least one week prior to the event to confirm the availability. More information on the program is available on the district's website, www.PorterCountyRecycling.org.

INBiz helps state collect an additional \$40 million; goal is increased assistance in 2019

INBiz, the state of Indiana's one-stop business portal, launched in 2016 allowing Hoosier businesses to connect with numerous state government offices on one website. The one-stop concept has helped businesses stay in compliance with state law by putting numerous reporting requirements on one website. This year, the Attorney General's unclaimed property reporting requirement joined INBiz. As a result, they collected nearly an additional \$40 million because more business owners were aware of the filing requirement.

INBiz has teamed up with the Indiana Small Business Development Center to provide Hoosier entrepreneurs and small business owners with business development

advice as they execute many of their business requirements on the one-stop portal. The INBiz call center receives numerous questions from Hoosier entrepreneurs wanting to start a business. Many of the callers are looking for advice such as "what type of business should I form, an LLC or LLP?" This is legal advice the INBiz call center is unable to provide. The INBiz team found this troubling as the goal of INBiz is to provide good government service. The team looked for a solution and found the Indiana SBDC.

In partnership with the IEDC, the Indiana SBDC helps Hoosier entrepreneurs looking to start and grow a business by delivering expert guidance and resources like

strategy development, market research, business planning, export assistance and valuation.

In 2018, the Indiana SBDC has assisted in 310 new business starts and in the creation

of 1,240 new jobs. By partnering INBiz and the Indiana SBDC, the goal is to increase this assistance in 2019. To learn more about INBiz visit www.inbiz.in.gov.



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